

COAL MEN TALK PRICES IN SECRET

At Close of Meeting President of Exchange Expresses Concern for Consumers

MAY PAY TOO MUCH Supply Now on Hand Only 25 Per Cent of Quantity Stored a Year Ago

Profound concern lest the coal consumers of Philadelphia should pay more for coal than is really necessary was expressed today by John Lloyd, president of the William M. Lloyd Company and president of the Philadelphia Coal Exchange, at the conclusion of a meeting held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce by the twenty members of the executive committee of the exchange.

Absolute secrecy attended the conference, all questions as to the nature of the opinion expressed at the meeting being referred to Mr. Lloyd for answer. Mr. Lloyd refused to say what opinions had been expressed, asserting merely that the meeting had been called because the dealers did not understand how they could meet the regulations laid down by Fuel Director Garfield as to coal prices, and that they had called the attorney for the coal exchange, J. McFarland, into consultation, so that they might be advised how they could meet the demands legally.

No conclusion was reached. Mr. Lloyd said another meeting will be held in the future, probably next week. Mr. Lloyd could not say whether counsel's opinion would be ready by that time or not.

SMALL STOCK NOW ON HAND When asked where the present supplies of hard coal in Philadelphia are, Mr. Lloyd said:

"There is probably not more than 25 per cent as much hard coal now in the yards as there was a year ago. It is being used up very rapidly. He immediately expressed concern over the effect such a statement might have upon the public if it should be published.

"I wouldn't print that, if I were you," he said. "It might lead the public to think that there is a 75 per cent shortage and that might be a real trouble to coal. If nothing is said about it, it may be that enough coal can be brought into the city by the time it is really needed to fill our yards as they come."

He was asked if the dealers did not want to sell the coal they now have on hand, before the coal on which Fuel Controller Garfield has set a lower price than the coal now on the market. He replied by looking at his questioner with a gaze which seemed full of pity for the questioner's density.

Mr. Lloyd declared with considerable resentment that it was impossible to look to the newspapers for a fair presentation of the facts in the coal situation. He declined to present them again, saying that he had done so on previous occasions, only to have his remarks wholly garbled. He asserted that the regulations issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield were not reproduced in the newspapers in the form in which they came to the coal dealers themselves, but refused to point out what the alleged discrepancy was.

It was rumored that the secret meeting held today would discuss the dealers' costs of handling coal, so that retailers might be asked as to what arguments they might use in reply to demands for lower prices, but Mr. Lloyd denied emphatically that any such discussion had taken place. The meeting lasted fully two hours. Mr. Lloyd said that one copy of Doctor Garfield's letter to the coal dealers, which he had changed, and that copies of it would be sent to the 350 retail dealers of the city tomorrow. It would not be accompanied by any suggestions from the committee, he said.

In his first statement as fuel director of Pennsylvania, William Potter pointed out that more coal must be mined and more expediently transported. He said that must be furnished for the commodity.

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"I fully realize the difficulties are great and that I have but little knowledge as to concerning my new duties. Until I am better informed as to the situation, I shall have but little to say to the public. I can say, however, that there is a feeling throughout the country that there will be a shortage of coal this winter unless early preventive effort is taken. There must be more coal mined; this is up to the miner and operator. Coal must have more expedient transportation, and this is up to the transportation companies. With more coal at the mines and improved transportation facilities, we must also touch the conservation of this precious necessity in a more scientific handling of it in the power plant and domestic cellar.

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"We are in a holy war for the cause of world-wide humanity and America will be the decisive factor in it. In the balance to end it, food and fuel will be the final weight. In addition, our own people must have heat this coming winter.

"The coal question touches every one. Therefore, miner, operator, distributor, wholesaler, retailer and consumer must join hands in helping us to conserve the fuel resources of the country, so that the American people and our allies may have at reasonable prices, the fuel they need and are entitled to.

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3-CENT LETTER RATE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2

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MORE SUFFRAGISTS IN TROUBLE



BRITAIN PLANS BIG OFFENSIVE IN AIR

General South Likely to Head New 'Department of Retaliation'

TO SWEEP FOE FROM SKY

LONDON, Oct. 5. What will be in effect a 'department of retaliation' in England's answer today to the public demand that "the German sky devil be fought with fire."

The War Cabinet decided to carry out an elaborate program of strict retaliation on German air forces for German airman's murder raids over English cities. It will be virtually an aerial offensive of tremendous proportions. General South, who with Premier Lloyd George is credited with inventing the aerial warfare, which has proved partly successful in repelling raiders on London, appeared likely today to be selected as the man in charge of the new aero department. He will operate independently of the Royal Flying Corps of the army or the Royal Naval Air Service, but will call on both those branches for co-operation.

First fruit of this decision that English must return measure for measure was seen today in orders for a speeding up of airplane production.

Officials realize that if a strict eye-for-eye policy of air raiding is carried out and if a great aerial offensive is to achieve its aim of sweeping casual German bomb droppers from the sky, a great number of airplanes kept on patrol and defense duty over England can be sent to swell the fighting forces utilized by Field Marshal Haig.

Wedding After Postoffice Romance HAMMINGTON, N. J., Oct. 5.—A post-office romance had its climax here when Charles W. Mason and Miss Henrietta Small, both employees at the local office, were married by the Rev. Robert N. Sharpe. The bridegroom is a recent addition to the postoffice staff and quickly lost his heart to the young woman who is a daughter of Game Warden Otis G. Small.

Complains of Many Auto Thefts A letter complaining of the many automobile thefts in Philadelphia has been sent to the Department of Public Safety by Robert M. Heister, who is engaged in the mortgage business in the Harrison Building. Five automobiles valued at \$1850 were stolen from the streets last Wednesday.

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Private mailing cards must bear two-cent stamps.

Postmasters will rate up amounts due on all postage carrying insufficient stamps.

Will Enlarge Engine Plant SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 4.—The Scranton Engine and Foundry Company, which recently obtained an order for 1,000,000 worth of marine engines to be built in England, is being constructed, will enlarge its shop...

MORE SHIP ORDERS EXPECTED HERE

Opening of Second U. S. District Office Indicates Additional Output

BUSIEST PORT IN COUNTRY

Construction of Vessels and Technical Points Supervised by Local Authorities

Philadelphia, it was said, is the only city in the country in which the board has established two offices.

This fact, shipping men say, not only means that the Philadelphia district has Government's point of view, but also that many more ship orders probably will be placed here in the near future.

The new district office of the Shipping Board has been opened in the Commercial Trust Building. F. W. Crogan is in charge. The district is known as No. 10 and has direct supervision of the Delaware River shipyards, except those at Bristol and Hog Island. It also is the tenth district office to be established on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. It does not include Wilmington.

Shipyards of the American International Corporation and the Merchants' Shipbuilding Company, at Bristol and Hog Island are under the jurisdiction of the office of the board established here. Paul L. Reed is the district officer in charge there.

The district officer has on all matters pertaining to construction of the ship for the Government. Not only do the district officers supervise the construction from the Government's point of view, but they actually have final say in all technical questions pertaining to construction.

Philadelphia formerly was included in the district controlled from the Baltimore office of the shipping board.

Work along the Delaware for the Government soon assumed such vast proportions, however, it was said, that the board decided to place shipbuilding in and near Philadelphia under direct local supervision.

Capture Ten Baby 'Possums' LAUREL, Del., Oct. 5.—Albert Hibel, a noted wood hunter, and H. Glenn Oswald got ten baby 'possoms' from a hollow tree. The mother made her getaway. Oswald has the young 'possoms' in a show window of his store. No one around here, at least, ever heard of an 'emom' having more than eight young. The usual litter is from four to six.

Officers of the British, French and Allied Armies and Navies were well acquainted with the superior durability of Fownes Cape gloves, before the War. Since then they have used "Capes" in even larger quantities.

In America Fownes Capes are of the same high service standard—and are also washable.

Civilians, Army and Navy Officers,—if it's a

FOWNES that's all you need to know about a GLOVE.

MOVIES FAIL TO SHAKE VERDICT FOR DAMAGES Injured Man Wins \$12,500 Despite Filming of His Activities

Damages of \$12,500 were awarded today to Harry L. Turner, in his personal damage suit against the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, by a jury in President Judge McMichael's court, ignoring evidence produced through moving pictures taken by agents of the defendant during the summer to disprove the serious extent of the injuries claimed by Turner.

Turner was installing conveyors and coal crushers on April 12, 1916, at the Lamerch power plant of the traction company for the Link Belt Company, when one of the employees of the plant started the machinery too soon, catching his legs and injuring them in such a way that physicians testified he would be permanently disabled. The "movies" showed Turner cranking an automobile, playing baseball and doing other things.

UNCLE SAM SEEKS MEN FOR BIG AERIAL NAVY

Also Urgently Needs Workmen for Duty on Submarine Chasers

Uncle Sam needs great forces to man and maintain his mammoth aerial navy now in course of construction. In order that aviators, assistants and other workmen may be available for the new navy on its completion, the Bureau of Navigation announced today that there is urgent need for aircraft workmen of all kinds. Many of those who enlist under this branch of the service, even as ordinary mechanics, will have opportunity to become aviators if they show efficiency in that direction.

Men entering this branch of the service are listed as landmen in the quartermaster's department. There is also great need of workmen for duty on submarine chasers. Men accepted for this class of service will be first assigned to the receiving ship at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Later they will be divided into classes and sent to Columbia University for further instruction. Only applicants between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five are accepted for branches of service named.

Local headquarters of the quartermaster enlisted reserve corps reports the following enlistments: George E. Stecker, 2841 Frankford avenue; Raymond Gasberger, 718 West Lehigh avenue; George H. Egert, 2291 North

19th street; Charles E. Edge, 6409 Trinity place; W. Sam Schuler, 1416 South Twenty-seventh street; Albert Steinacker, 2024 North Fifth street; John H. Brand, 1437 Richmond street. The following men are still needed: 136 clerks, 26 stencillers, 279 teamsters, 2

hitchhikers, 23 cooks, 2 painters, 28 waiters, 19 water-supply men, 27 engineers, 64 waste-disposal men, 20 plumbers, 27 carpenters, 142 men for road maintenance, 18 oilers, 6 saddlers, 25 carriers, 31 horse-shoers, 5 watchmen, 19 firemen, 26 apprentice bakers and 100 stablemen.

\$8 to \$10



New Circular Vamp

Cordovan—new dark shades of Tan, also Black Russia. A very stylish, sturdy boot. Comfortable, right in value. A large variety of other models at \$5, \$6, \$7.

NIEDERMAN Quality First 930 Chestnut 39 S. 8th 203 N. 8th

STORE OPENS 8:30 A. M. & CLOSES AT 5:30 P. M.

Lit Brothers advertisement for hats, featuring 'Lit Brothers' brand and 'HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE'.

Advertisement for men's overcoats, featuring 'Tomorrow We Repeat Our Sensational Offer of Men's \$22.50 & \$25 All-Wool Quarter Satin-Lined OVERCOATS \$15'.

Advertisement for men's suits and overcoats, featuring 'Suits, Overcoats, Reefers and Mackinaws \$4.98, \$5.98, \$7.50, \$8.50 & \$10'.

Advertisement for military coats and women's outer apparel, featuring 'Military COATS That Girls Will Like \$8.98' and 'THESE ARE DAYS OF GREAT CHOICE HERE IN Misses' & Women's Outer Apparel'.

Large advertisement for Phil. J. Walsh Estate, featuring 'Don't Postpone But take advantage of the chance we now give you. Every day things go higher and are harder to get.' Includes lists of furniture, rugs, and clothing.

Advertisement for women's fine suits, featuring 'Women's Fine Suits, \$39.75' and 'Wool Velour, Pointe Twill, Broadcloth, Serge and Mannish Suitings, navy blue, black, tan and Concord.' Includes illustrations of various suit styles.